

Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Loguercio Provide Playground Improvements in Middle Island Through Community Block Development Grant

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Farmingville, NY – This month children were elated to see a bright blue surface and new playground equipment at the Middle Island Caring for Kids facility in Middle Island. Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Michael Loguercio worked with staff in the Housing and Human Services Department to obtain approximately \$48,000 in federal funding for the project. The money was procured through a Community Block Development Grant provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Brookhaven Community Development Block Grant Project encompassed prepping a 1,900 square foot area, RCA subsurface and installation of a pour-in-place foam play surface. The project

also includes a Little Buddies Playground Unit with its red, blue and yellow colors which has the children smiling before they even get to use it. Pictured with children from Middle Island Caring for Kids are Councilman Michael Loguercio (left); Assistant Director Tabitha Dixon (second from right) and Director Dana Wolcott (right).

"We are so grateful to the Town of Brookhaven for upgrading our playground and making it a great place for the children to play," said Ms. Wolcott. "The children and parents are elated about the playground and it is just good for Middle Island."

Supervisor Romaine said, "Anytime we can secure the funds to build a clean, safe place for children to play is a big win for everyone. I commend Councilman Loguercio and Housing and Human Services Commissioner Diana Weir for their efforts to get this new playground built."

"This project is a great example of multiple levels of government working together to do something positive in Brookhaven Town," said Fourth District Councilman Michael Loguercio. "My colleagues and I on the Town Board, along with our staff from the Housing and Human Services Department, worked hard to secure federal funds for this project. Most importantly, the end result is an enhanced playground in Middle Island for children to play on."

The playground will be used by children in daycare at Middle Island Caring for Kids from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. during the week and will be open to the public for children five and younger on weekends.

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